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To: Alberta Brown/AWA/FAA@FAA
cc:
Subject: FAA 2003 14830

● re FAA-2003-14830

Dear Ms. Brown:

Please:

- *maintain or increase the current minimum altitude for air tour operators
- *eliminate exemptions from the altitude rule
- *give the state and National Park Service the ability to restrict tour overflights from state and national parks and wilderness areas

Government studies have demonstrated that the higher minimum altitude saves lives.

Noise from air tours is an annoyance for hikers and campers seeking a wilderness experience. Constant noise has been shown to adversely impact human health

Noise can be fatal for Hawaii's forest birds. Repeated disruptions interrupt courtship and mating activities, nest-building, and searching for food, leading to higher mortality rates or abandonment of habitat. The state and National Park Service should have the ability to restrict or ban air tour flights over sensitive areas.

thank you, Cory Harden

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